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SUBJ: INFORMAL MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 1976 (SALT TWO - 1122)

1. COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON THROW-WEIGHT

IN INFORMAL MEETING, RESPONDING TO US PROPOSAL MADE PRIOR TO DRAFTING GROUP SESSION ON OCTOBER 22, KARPOV TOLD KLOSS AND GRAHAM SOVIET DELEGATION HAD CONCLUDED THAT METHOD OF SOLVING REMAINING DEFERENCES SUGGESTED BY US SIDE IS IN PRINCIPLE ACCEPTABLE. THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING WILL BE AGREED AS INTRODUCED ON OCTOBER 8. THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD HAVE NOTHING AGAINST BOTH DELEGATIONS MAKING ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS - IN PLENARY RECORD IN AN AGREED FORM. KARPOV SAID SOVIET SIDE, WITH TWO MINOR CHANGES, COULD ACCEPT THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF US PROPOSED JOINT PLENARY STATEMENT. HOWEVER, SOVIET SIDE COULD NOT ACCEPT SECOND PARAGRAPH WHICH REFERS TO THE HEAVIEST COMBINATION OF REENTRY VEHICLES AND PENETRATION AIDS AND MAXIMUM RANGE TRAJECTORY. FURTHERMORE INTRODUCTION OF CALCULATION PRINCIPLE ADDS TO UNACCEPTABILITY. KARPOV SAID HE WOULD NOT REPEAT PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS

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AGAINST PROPOSAL BUT WANTED TO ADD IT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE

BECAUSE VERIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT ASSUMED TO BE BY NTM. PRINCIPLE OF CALCULATION MAKES PROPOSAL LESS CLEAR, MORE AMBIGUOUS AND ADDS TO UNACCEPTABILITY.

KARPOV HANDED OVER THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED TEXT:

"WITH RESPECT TO THE AGREED STATEMENT DEFINING THROW-WEIGHT OF ICBM'S AND THE ASSOCIATED COMMON UNDERSTANDING, THE TERM "TARGETING" APPLIES TO ONE REENTRY VEHICLE, THE TERM "RELEASING" APPLIES TO MULTIPLE REENTRY VEHICLES WHICH ARE NOT INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE; AND THE TERM "DISPENSING AND TARGETING" APPLIES TO MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE REENTRY VEHICLES. "OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICES.....FOR DISPENSING AND TARGETING TWO OR MORE REENTRY VEHICLES" PERFORM THE SAME FUNCTION AS "SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING MECHANISMS" AND ARE INCLUDED IN THROW-WEIGHT IRRESPECTIVE OF THE ADDITIONAL VELOCITY WITH WHICH THEY CAN PROVIDE THE REENTRY VEHICLES.

KLOSSON STATED KARPOV'S RESPONSE WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO US DELEGATION.JOHNSON

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